I.T.D.C. Hotels to Private Sector

941. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) Whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to hand over the hotels run by the India Tourism Development Corporation to private sector ;

(b) if so, the details of the hotels likely to be given to the private sector ; and

(c) what is the accumulated loss of all the hotels run by the ITDC till March, 31, 1993 ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no accumulated loss in ITDC hotels till March 31, 1993.

Deployment of Army in Manipur Area

942. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Army was deployed in Manipur and the adjoining States to deal with Naga and Kuki militants operating against each other in the region ;

(b) if so, what are the details of army deployment there and the achievements of the Army therein ;

(c) whether the Army crackdown had angered the Kuki and Naga tribals ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and the remedial action taken thereon by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) Army remains deployed in Manipur and adjoining States in counter insurgency grid. This was further strengthened/augmented in recent past in order to tackle the situation created by the Naga and Kuki militants. It would not be in the public interest to divulge the details of the deployment of the Army, on the floor of the House. Army has done a commodable job not only in averting the occurrence of untoward incidents but also in providing assistance to the affected people. From 1st September, 93 till 5th December, 93, 14 underground elements were killed, 292 apprehended and 192 weapons recovered by the Army during operations in Manipur.

(c) and (d) In the perception of the Government, there has been no adverse reaction to the Army deployment from the Kuki and Naga tribes.

Repercussions of floating arms of Pakistan

943. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to experts India faces great threat as huge quantity of floating weapons, in the wake of break-up of Soviet Union, have reached Pakistan ;

(b) whether floating arms pose a big threat as 320 Stinger Missiles were sold in Pakistan's Arms Bazar ;

(c) if so, whether out of a total of 560 Stinger Missiles, 320 which were Missing, were sold in Pak's arms Bazar ;

(d) if so, whether Government have examined the press reports in this regard ;

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take ; and

(f) whether due to break-up of Soviet Union, Pakistan has obtained good number of arms and ammunition from them and if so, the reaction of Indian Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (f) Government do not have any specific information about the quantity of floating weapons having reached Pakistan in the wake of disintegration of the Soviet Union Pak media reports have indicated that both USA and Pakistan have been making efforts to buy